

Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips, Jr., Vice Chair Fred Leeder, David Roosa, Donald Littlefield, and Les Slate. Absent: John Hopf and Marea Mott. Also present was Administrative Assistant Teresa Chmiel for the recording of the minutes and Highway Supervisor Mike Shea

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr., called the regular meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 5:35pm.

Mr. Roosa joined the meeting at 5:50pm due to a rescue call. Mr. Phillips, Jr. rearranged the agenda, allowing Mr. Roosa to hear the application for Ann Law, Plat 6, Lot 136.

Law, Ann. Plat 6, Lot 136. Advisory to the Zoning Board for an Application for a Special Use Permit under Sections 311(E), 314 and 408 for expansion of an existing Inn.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. recused himself as he has a professional working relationship with the applicant Geoffrey Rigby-Leather.

Joseph Priestley attorney for the applicant and Geoffrey Rigby Leather architect for the applicant presented on behalf of the owner. The application is for a proposed 20'x26' extension to the existing Inn. Mr. Priestley and Mr. Rigby-Leather discussed the following:

- The applicants will appear before the Zoning Board on October 22, 2014;
- The Inn is located outside the fifty (50') Coastal setback;
- Six (6) parking spaces will be supplied including a space for persons with disabilities;
- The pervious footpath will most likely contain stone and crushed clam shells;
- The concrete walkway will remain; and
- The shed will be removed;

Mr. Littlefield made a motion, second by Mr. Slate to send a favorable advisory to the Zoning Board for an application for a Special Use Permit under Sections 311(E), 314 and 408 for expansion of an existing Inn.

4 Ayes (Leeder, Littlefield, Roosa, and Slate)
2 Absent (Hopf and Mott)
1 Recuse (Phillips, Jr.)

0 Nays

Mr. Phillips, Jr. rejoined the meeting

Request for an Advisory opinion to the Town Council re: Proposed amendment to New Shoreham's Zoning Ordinance Article 1 Section 111 – General Prohibitions (A)(1) regarding inoperable/unregistered vehicles.

Mr. Leeder made a motion, seconded Mr. Littlefield to send a favorable Advisory to the Town Council re: Proposed amendment to New Shoreham's Zoning Ordinance Article 1 Section 111 – General Prohibitions (A)(1) regarding inoperable/unregistered vehicles.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, and Slate)

0 Nays

3 Absent (Hopf, Mott, Roosa)

Receipt of an email dated September 8, 2014 from RIDEM re: Tree City USA Application Information.

The Commission acknowledged an email dated September 8, 2014 from RIDEM regarding Tree City USA Application this item was noted received in a motion by Mr. Phillips, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leeder.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, and Slate)

0 Nays

3 Absent (Hopf, Mott, Roosa)

Receipt of an email dated October 1, 2014 from RIDEM re: 2014 RI Community Street Tree Setback Planting Programs.

Mr. Leeder informed the board that he hopes to attend this program on October 23, 2014 held in Warwick.

Receipt of an email dated September 16, 2014 from Chris Warfel re: Coconuts and Oysters for Stabilization.

Mr. Leeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr., to send a letter to the Town Council asking to fund a pilot project for coconut fiber logs providing a foundation for a barrier to stop erosion.

Discuss/Act on receipt of an email dated September 19, 2014 from John R. Hopf re: Warfel memo.

Mr. Leeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr. to mark the memo as received.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, and Slate)

0 Nays

3 Absent (Hopf, Mott, Roosa)

Discussion of Dune Restoration.

This item was not discussed

Discussion of Dust Kill.

Mike Shea Highway Supervisor was in the audience. He acknowledged the results were positive; however due to the public's vocal opinion the application would not be applied to the roads.

Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2014.

Mr. Littlefield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr., to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014 as presented.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, and Slate)

0 Nays

3 Absent (Hopf, Mott, Roosa)

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm in a motion by Mr. Phillips, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leeder.

5 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, and Roosa)

0 Nays

2 Absent (Hopf, and Mott)

Respectfully submitted

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Minutes approved: November 18, 2014